



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency, CA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency was selected to receive three brownfields cleanup grants. Located east of San Francisco across the San Francisco Bay, Richmond (population 99,216) once had a strong industrial base, including shipyards and oil refineries. It is in the western, less affluent section of Contra Costa County, where some neighborhoods have lower per capita incomes and higher unemployment and poverty rates than county averages. The City



Cleanup Grants

New
2006

\$600,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency for three brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the Sakai Nursery at 99 and 223 S. 47th Street and 4606 Florida Avenue, the Endo Nursery at 4855 Wall Avenue, and the Oishi Nursery at 130 and 242 S. 47th Street and 4809 Wall Avenue. The former flower nurseries are contaminated with hydrocarbons and pesticides used on flowers. Funds also will be used to conduct community outreach.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/index.html>

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

of Richmond has the highest minority population of any Bay Area city, with a diverse composition of African-American, Latino, Asian, and Caucasian residents. Historically, the city has been negatively impacted by an array of brownfields from World War II industrial uses, chemicals plants, flower nurseries, and oil refineries. Redevelopment plans include much needed affordable housing. Brownfields redevelopment also will reduce threats to human health and the environment, reduce blight, expand the local tax base, create jobs, and enhance property values.